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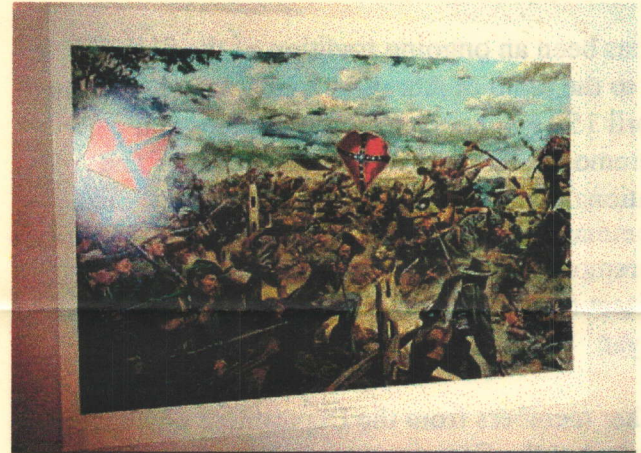


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Ulysses S. Grant Memorial Wreath



Troiani Print being raffled

Memorial Day

The following members from the Grant Camp were at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on Memorial Day this year: Commander Bob Amsler, Mike Woulfe, Bryan Leicht and Steven Leicht. We marched in the parade with Sherman Camp Commander Paul Winslow and some of the members of the Sherman Camp. After the Ceremony we went to the Union and Confederate Soldiers gravesites to do a small ceremony with members of the Sherman Camp and other Civil War reenactors (Confederate and Union). Dept Commander Steven Leicht did a short reading as well as Sherman Camp Chaplain Vernon Von Der Heydt.

Following the ceremony at Jefferson Barracks Camp Commander Bob Amsler, Bryan Leicht and Steven Leicht went to Whitehaven to present a Memorial Wreath to honor Ulysses S. Grant.

Special Thanks to Mike Raybourn, for his time and efforts in making the wreath for the Camp to use at White Haven and other memorial services. He did a great job on the wreath.

Department Fundraiser

Commander Amsler has the tickets for the next Department Raffle. This is a Don Troiani print of Emmitsburg Road. The print depicts the Confederate troops crossing Emmittsburg road during Picketts Charge at Gettysburg. This Print has a value of just under \$500. Tickets are \$1 each.

This fundraiser will help raise money for the camp as well as the Department. We will receive 30% of the total proceeds we sell that are turned back into the Department.

If anyone is interested in purchasing tickets for this print, please contact Commander Amsler at 353-9131 if you are unable to make the next meeting. Drawing for the print will be held September 26.

Craig Brown a new member of the Grant Camp won the last Department Fundraiser an 8 volume set of Civil War documentaries. Congratulations Craig!

Camp Fundraiser

The Grant Camp has been authorized to sell the following items to the members of the SUV. Polo

shirts and Jackets with the SUV insignia embroidered on them. Coffee cups with Sons insignia. Flags, Banners, and Station Banners. We also have permission to print address labels for the members. If anyone would like to have any of these items please contact Bob Petrovic at 892-2158.

Lincoln Death Day

It has been an ongoing tradition of the SUVCW to go to the tomb of Abraham Lincoln each year on April 15th and honor him with a Memorial Ceremony. This year was no exception. The National Chief of Staff and Department Commander Steven Leicht was present at the Ceremony. He represented the Department of Missouri and the Grant Camp along with his son Bryan.

Other members from the Department of Missouri present at the Ceremony were John Pillers, Steven Pledger and Gary Gilbert from the Oglesby Camp and Jack Grothe and Charlie Funck from the Sherman Camp.

After the Memorial Ceremony we went to a luncheon and listened to Steven K. Rogstad give a talk on Julia Dent concerns over the type of schooling Todd was receiving in Racine, WI.

This is a tradition of the SUV and I encourage everyone who gets a chance to go to this event to do so. There are over 125 different Organizations represented at this event every year.

Night Walk at White Haven

Once again the National Park Service will be holding another night walk at Grant's Home. The night walk will be July 31, and August 1-2. This is a living history presentation. It has been an excellent presentation in the past. There will be two presentations each night, one at 6 p.m. and one at 8 p.m. For reservations call the National Park Service at 842-3298. Parking is available at the Grants Farm parking lot.

National Encampment

Bob Petrovic and Steven Leicht from the Grant Camp and Paul Winslow from the Sherman Camp

have been elected at the Department Encampment to represent the Department of Missouri at the National Encampment. The Encampment is August 7-9.

Camp Orders # 2

1. All members of the camp are to enjoy the rest of the summer and have a safe summer.
2. Any member who can attend the National Encampment is encouraged to do so. Department Commander Leicht can appoint any member of our camp as a delegate who is in attendance provided we do not exceed the Department allotment. (At this time it is not expected that the Department will meet its allotment.)
3. The next meeting of the Camp will be the first Wednesday of September 1998 at Young's Restaurant.
4. Please bring ideas on recruitment to the next meeting.
5. If anyone is sick or has any problems, please contact the camp Chaplain, Bob Schaeffer.

By Order of:

Bob Amsler
Camp Commander

Iron Mountain Rail Road

A date has been set and some seats reserved on the St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railway for October 17. The Iron Mountain Railway is over 150 years old and played a major role during the Civil War transporting troops. October 17th is the weekend there will be Civil War Reenactors present. There will be a reenactment somewhere along the train route during the ride. The train will be stopping and we will be allowed off the train to visit with the reenactors.

The train station is located about 2 hours south of St. Louis in Jackson, Missouri. Car-pooling can be arranged. The train will leave the station at 2 p.m., and we will be going out to eat dinner after the ride. If anyone wants to make reservations or needs more information, please contact Steven Leicht at 487-2585. Tickets for the train are \$12.50 for adults. You must make reservations for this event before August 30.

Odds Fellows Cemetery

We have a scheduled work date to locate information for ordering stones for the Odd Fellows Cemetery. We will meet at the main Library in Frontenac at 1640 S. Lindbergh at 9 a.m. on August 29. Anyone able to make this please contact Steven Leicht at 487-2585. We need to gather additional information for the Veterans Association before we can order the headstones. There will be an additional work date set later this fall for the cemetery.

Camp Library

In the past we have talked about starting a Camp Library with books donated by the members, to be shared with the other members. Craig Brown has been gracious enough to donate a number of books for the members to read. We will try to get a list together for the next issue of Hardscrabble. If any member wishes to donate books for this purpose please contact Steven Leicht at 487-2585. Thanks you Craig for your generosity.

Camp Meeting

Please make a note that we will not be having a meeting August 5th. The next meeting will be the first Wednesday in September 2, 1998. Camp meets the first Wednesday of every month at Young's Restaurant at 385 Meramec Station Rd unless otherwise posted. Steven Leicht will be bringing in some records and books on the Civil War and related items about the GAR.

Thanks to Bob Petrovic, for bringing in his collection of GAR and Sons postcards, for the July meeting.

Letter from the Front

David Allen Jr. of the 29th MO Vol wrote the following letters.

Head Quarters 29th MO Vol.
Paterson, MO November 17, 1862

Dear Mother,

We left Cape Girardeau last Monday and have had no opportunity to until now. We have been eight days on the road and are now camped three miles from Paterson. Today and the day before we traveled all day in the rain. I have always slept on the ground but have been very well and am now in the best of spirits. We could have moved faster but the teams could not stand traveling at such a pace. I have received no letters this week but will get one in a few days I suppose.

Our movement from the Cape to the point disarranges our mail facilities. Direct your next letter to Patterson instead of Cape.

Give my love to Aunts Sarah and Elizabeth and Alex, Jim and Anna and retain a share for yourself.

When you write to Aunt Amanda and Uncle John remember me to them. Also to my friends. I will write again in a few days to Jim.

Write soon to you
Your Affectionate Son.

David Allen Jr.

Thursday November 13, 1862 Left Camp Davidson this morning and after a march of about a mile encamped on the banks of a creek near the ruins of a mill which was destroyed by Heckers Division on account of it being a source from which the rebels drew their supplies.

Friday November 14, 1862 Left Camp Blair Jr. this morning about 9 O'clock. After a march of about 21/2 miles came to a halt near the town of Dallas.

Saturday November 15, 1862 Left Camp Peterson this morning early. Passed through Dallas now deserted by all of its inhabitants except two or three women. The houses are more or less destroyed. Some being burnt to the ground. This place was a regular den of secessioners and last spring Hecker cleaned out the crew and destroyed all their property. Halted this evening after a march of 17 miles.

Sunday November 16, 1862 Traveled all day in the rain. Halted after 10 miles. This evening we halted

on the bank of the St. Francis River 3 miles from
Patterson.

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Cape Girardeau, MO
December 3rd 1862

Dear Brother

Yours of the 25th came to hand this evening also
one from Burmeister. I was exceedingly glad to
hear from home once more, as it was nearly four
weeks since I had heard from home.

I also wrote to you Sunday notifying you of our
arrival at the place. O also wrote a letter to Mrs.
Jones yesterday.

I have received no copy of a letter from Uncle John,
or no letter containing a description of the Owl.
Please send in your next letter the description.

I wrote a letter to Anna and will write to Alex in my
next. Tell them to write.

We have had a very fine time so far and are camped
on the banks of the Farther of Water and see the
water which a few hours before flowed by our
home.

O am taking a lesson from Sargent Gable in
German he also wants me to study Spanish also the
book we will need for Spanish are Velarques New
Spanish Reader \$ 1.45 and Do Do Conversations \$
.75.

The paymaster is here and I will send you some
money the safest way I can.

You can buy the above books and I will send for
them at the earliest opportunity. Don't send them
until I write for them.

Cook and I have a tent together and are going into
the house keeping trade.

I want Aunt Sarah to send me some receipts for
instance how to make Batter cake, pie crust, apple
dumplings, pumpkin pie, and you can stick in some
receipts in your letter and make them useful as well
as ornamental.

Write about twice a week and give me long letters. I
received your paper this evening it was quit
expectable and I will be glad to get one whenever
convenient to you. They are the only things I am in
want of. Camp life agrees with me and I would
enjoy myself first note if I could only have the
pleasure of frequently seeing those at home.

My health has been good ever since I left home.
The majority of sickness on our regiment is from
laziness. My medicine is action.

I am studying my tactics and regulations and want
you to get me a letter book called "The Camp and
March" price \$.75. It is to be found at Keith and
Woods you will also get the other books at the same
place. I think I would prefer your dealing with
Crawfords if he has them as he is a good man. The
other firm I do not like.

These three books you will keep until I send for
them.

I would like you to take part of the money I send
you for Christmas. Have the Christmas tree as
usual and place it in the front room upstairs so I can
know where it is and how you all are.

Write soon and let me know how you all are. How
is Reney and your other pets? Did you make the
curiosity case? Give my love to mother, Aunts,
Alex, and Amy and yourself. Remember me to Mr.
Jones and all my friends.

It's near bed time so Good Night

Ever for Our Union

Your Affectionate Brother

David Allen Jr.

Department Encampment

June 20th was the 2nd annual Department
Encampment. The following Members were
elected Officers of the Department: Dept
Commander Steven Leicht, Dept Sr. Vice
Commander Vern Stottlemire, Jr. Vice Commander
John Rutherford, Dept Sec/Tres Bob Petrovic, Dept

Council John Pillers, Bud Marks, and Jeff Patrick. Appointed positions are as follows: Patriotic Instructor John Martin, Dept Counselor Bob Amsler, Dept Historian Steven Pledger, Dept Guard Zac Caldwell, Dept Color Bearer Joel Hedrick

* Please note the following is a copy of Department Orders # 6 that was handed out to the members at the June Department Encampment.

Department Orders # 6

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1. The 117th National Encampment will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania August 6th – 9th. The Encampment will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center at I-83 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. If anyone is going to the Encampment they can make their reservations by calling 1-800-465-4329. Rooms are \$65.00 per night.
2. The tickets for the next Department Raffle will be handed out at the Department Encampment. This next raffle will be a Don Troiani print "Emmitsburg Road". The print depicts Pickett's Charge crossing of Emmitsburg Road at Gettysburg. Drawing will be held September 26, 1998. Camps are to have tickets turned in before the September 26th date.
3. Camp per capita tax is due on or before the 1st day of July. It is to be turned into the Department Secretary.
4. The following members have been appointed to the 2001 National Encampment Committee: Bud Marks, John Rutherford, Zac Caldwell and Bob Petrovic. They will start their positions as soon as we have approval from the National Encampment to host the 2001 National Encampment.
5. I have assigned the project of working with the Austin Baptist Church to save the Stambaugh GAR Post #180 to John Martin.
6. Department Orders # 5 was sent to the Camps in April. If any member did not receive his copy of Department Orders # 5, please send a letter to

Department Commander Leicht. I will forward you a copy.

7. About the first part of May I received an e-mail from the C-in-C Richard Orr pertaining to the suspension of the William T. Sherman Camp 65. According to his interpretation of the C&Rs the Department of Missouri cannot hold the Sherman Camp in suspension for any violation other than failing to pay their per capita tax. I had spoken with Commander Winslow about this briefly on Memorial Day and have sent an e-mail to the Camps notifying them that the suspension placed on the Sherman Camp in October has been lifted by the Department of Missouri.
8. The William T. Sherman Camp 65 is still in violation of Chapter I, Article V, Section 2. They did not have their records completed and available for the installing officer to review. They also do not have the financial records for 1996 and 1997 kept in accordance to the General Accounting Practices. This was discussed with elected Commander Paul Winslow at the March 5, 1998 Sherman Camp meeting prior to installation of the Camp Officers. At this meeting I made an agreement with Commander elect Paul Winslow that I would install the Camp Officers provided they would complete the camp financial records and have the file ready for review. As of June 18, 1998 I have not received any information from the Sherman Camp nor have I been notified that the Records have been completed and are ready for review.
9. After discussing the violations of the Sherman Camp 65 with the Elected Department Officers it was agreed that a letter be sent to Richard Orr demanding the National Organization do something about this. On June 8, 1998 a letter was sent to C-in-C Richard Orr filing charges against the Sherman Camp 65 for not complying with Chapter I, Article V, Section 2. Charges were filed for not complying with Chapter I, Article VI, Section 5. Charges were filed for being in violation of Article VII, Section 2, and charges were filed for being in violation of Chapter I, Article VII, Section 1.

10. At the January 17, 1998 Department meeting a motion was made and passed to press charges against Charlie Funck and Paul Leistriz. On June 17, 1998 the Department sent the Charges to C-in-C Richard Orr. Charges are as follows: Charlie Funck was charged with 9-counts against him for conduct injurious to the good of the Order and Violations of Chapter VI, Article VI, Section 2. And 5-counts for being derelict in the performance of his duties and violation of Chapter I, Article VI, Section 1,2,and 4. Paul Leistriz was mentioned and charged in 3-counts for being derelict in the performance of his duties and Violation of Chapter I, Article VI, Section 1,2,and 4.

11. A copy of the charges will be given to the Camp Commanders at the Department Encampment. If any member wishes to review these charges you can contact your Camp Commander. If any member would like to receive a copy of the charges send \$5.50 to the Department Commander Steven Leicht for copying cost and shipping. 2743 Bloomfield, St. Louis, MO 63129.

12. Once again we have a dark cloud hanging over the Department, with continuing disruption from some of the members of the Sherman Camp. I am disappointed that a large amount of my time as Department Commander was wasted, having to deal with foolishness from a few members. Trying to move the Department forward, we have been hampered with the continuing problems of the Sherman Camp and progress has suffered because of it. As a member of the SUVCW I personally have spent my time trying to create growth in this organization and perpetuating the memory of our Ancestors. I think that it is time for those members who have continued to break the rules of this Order, to ask themselves why they really joined this Organization. This constant disruption does not promote Brotherhood; it only leaves a bad taste with the members who joined to preserve the memories of our ancestors. This has to stop!

I have left this information about the suspension out of previous Department Newsletters and Orders in hopes not to embarrass the Sherman Officers so they would cooperate with the

Department. I do regret that this failed to produce any cooperation from the Camp Officers. It was obvious to the Department Counselor and myself at the February 5, 1998 Sherman Camp meeting, that a number of members were not aware that the Camp had been suspended by the Department in October and that the Camp Officers were not turning in their reports on time.

13. The Department bylaws were returned from the National Counselor. The bylaws committee will be reviewing the changes in the near future and should hopefully be available for the next Department meeting for approval.

14. The raffle tickets are to be turned in at the Department Encampment June 20th and we will be drawing the winning ticket at this meeting. This will complete the first of a series of Raffles the Department has scheduled for raising money to support the Department. The winner of the raffle will be listed in the next Department Orders.

By Order of:

Attested by:

Steven Leicht

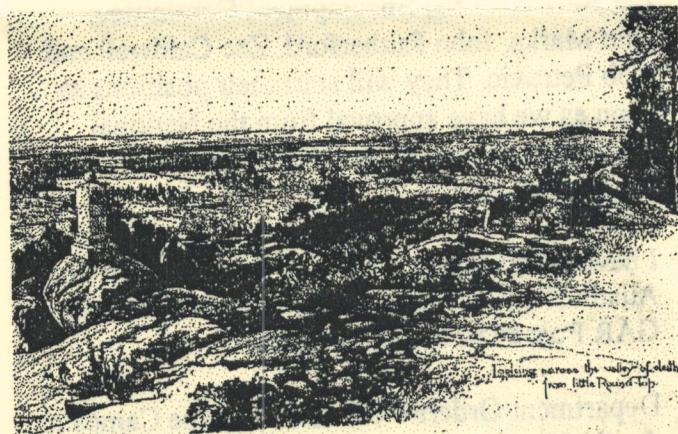
Bob Petrovic

MO Dept. Commander

MO Dept. Sec/Tres

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Little Round Top



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